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I. Opening of the session

(Agenda item 1)

1. The eighth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP) was held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, from 8 to 13 February 2015.[1]

2. The Co-Chairs of the ADP, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaf (non-Annex I) and Mr. Daniel Reifsnyder (Annex I), resumed the second session of the ADP by opening its 15th plenary meeting on 8 February 2015. They welcomed all Parties and observers as well as Ms. Yang Liu (non-Annex I), Rapporteur of the ADP.[2]

3. A statement was made by Mr. Manuel Pulgar-Vidal (Peru), President of the twentieth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP) and the tenth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP).

4. The Co-Chairs informed Parties of the meetings and consultations they had held with negotiating groups prior to the session, and voiced confidence that the promises made at the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Lima, Peru, would be collectively fulfilled, including by concluding an ambitious and universal agreement at the United Nations Climate Change Conference to be held in in Paris, France.

5. In the interest of fulfilling the mandate given in decision 1/CP.17, the Co-Chairs encouraged Parties to convert the 'elements' text that emerged from the Lima Conference into the negotiating text that would furnish the basis for work in 2015 by Friday, 13 February.

6. Statements were submitted by representatives of 14 Parties, including on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, the European Union and its 28 member States, the Umbrella Group, the Environmental Integrity Group, the African Group, the Alliance of Small Island States, the least developed countries, the BASIC countries (Brazil, China, India and South Africa), the Like-minded Developing Countries, the Coalition for Rainforest Nations, the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America – Peoples' Trade Treaty, the League of Arab States, the Independent Association for Latin America and the Caribbean and the Caribbean Community.[3]

7. Parties demonstrated great initiative and a spirit of cooperation by opting to post their group statements on the web rather than reading them aloud, thereby allowing the work on substantive issues to start immediately.[4]

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[1] The report on the first and second parts of the second session of the ADP is contained in document FCCC/ADP/2013/2; the reports on the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh parts of the second session are contained in documents FCCC/ADP/2013/3, FCCC/ADP/2014/1, FCCC/ADP/2014/2, FCCC/ADP/2014/3 and FCCC/ADP/2014/4, respectively.

[2] The Bureau of the ADP was elected in accordance with the arrangement set out in document FCCC/ADP/2012/2, paragraph 7, which was endorsed by decision 2/CP.18. The ADP elected the current members of its Bureau at the seventh part of its second session, as reflected in document FCCC/ADP/2014/4.

[3] All the statements are available at <http://unfccc.int/7544.php>.

[4] As footnote 3 above.

II. Organizational matters
(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda
(Agenda item 2(b))

8. The agenda for the second session of the ADP was adopted by the ADP at the 1st meeting of the session, on 29 April 2013.[5]

B. Organization of the work of the session
(Agenda item 2(c))

9. At the 15th meeting, the Co-Chairs drew the delegates' attention to the scenario note prepared for the eighth part of the session,[6] and outlined the arrangements made in the light of the organization of work previously agreed by the ADP, the mandates of the ADP, including those given at COP 19[7] and 20,[8] and pre-sessional consultations. The organization of the work on agenda item 3 included a contact group established at the fourth part of the session,[9] a briefing on support for domestic preparations for intended nationally determined contributions (INDCs) and a dedicated meeting on ways and means to advance the technical examination process in 2015. The ADP decided to proceed on the basis of the organization of work proposed by the Co-Chairs.

10. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs stressed the importance of time management and of collaboration among Parties for the success of the collective work at this session.

11. In addition, the Co-Chairs held a special event with observer organizations during the session, on 12 February.[10] Representatives of observer organizations welcomed the new ADP Co-Chairs, and expressed interest in continuing such special events in 2015. The ADP Co-Chairs underscored the intergovernmental nature of the ADP and its work, and encouraged observer organizations to bring forward ideas to governments for further engaging in the process and strengthening implementation.

III. Implementation of all the elements of decision 1/CP.17
(Agenda item 3)

12. The ADP considered this agenda item at its 15th meeting, as well as at its 16th meeting, held on 13 February. It had before it decision 1/CP.20, the report of the ADP on the seventh part of its second session,[11] and the informal note prepared for the eighth part of the session.[12]

13. At the 15th meeting, the Co-Chairs recalled that the COP requested the ADP to intensify its work with a view to making available a negotiating text for a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to

[5] FCCC/ADP/2013/2, paragraphs 8 and 9.
[6] ADP.2015.1.InformalNote.
[7] Decision 1/CP.19.
[8] Decision 1/CP.20.
[9] FCCC/ADP/2014/1, paragraph 19.
[10] See ADP.2015.1.InformalNote, paragraph 19.
[11] FCCC/ADP/2014/4.
[12] ADP.2015.1.InformalNote.

all Parties before May 2015.[13] The Co-Chairs reminded Parties that this negotiating text was to be derived from the annex to decision 1/CP.20, titled "Lima Call for Climate Action." They noted that this text was to fully reflect the positions of all Parties.

14. In accordance with this deadline, the Co-Chairs stressed their commitment to deliver and make available the negotiating text of the 2015 agreement by the closing plenary, on 13 February.

15. The Co-Chairs called upon the ADP to streamline the text's language and eliminate redundancies and duplications, better present alternatives and divergences, and clarify, to the extent possible, proposals and concepts contained therein.

16. In the interest of further refining the text over the course of future sessions, the Co-Chairs encouraged Parties to consider what language in the existing text might be most suitable for the agreement, and what might be more appropriate for accompanying decisions.

17. The ADP worked sequentially through the language of the annex to decision 1/CP.20 in an effort to develop the negotiating text. Each section was updated and further revised as requested by Parties, in an open and transparent manner. Each revised iteration of the text was made available on the UNFCCC website. On 12 February, the sections were consolidated into a single document and made available as an advance unedited version on the UNFCCC website.[14]

18. Further, in the context of its work on agenda item 3, the contact group referred to in paragraph 9 above held meetings to explore broader substantive questions related to the 2015 agreement and ideas on how to make significant progress in the June session.[15] The Co-Chairs informed Parties of their intention to issue a scenario note in order to facilitate preparations for that June session.

19. In the context of work on pre-2020 climate action, including on how to further advance workstream 2, the contact group exchanged views on how to implement decision 1/CP.19, in particular paragraphs 3–5, and decision 1/CP.20, in particular paragraphs 17–20. The ADP held a dedicated meeting on how to advance the technical examination process on 10 February.[16]

20. At the 16th meeting, the ADP had before it the advance unedited version of the negotiating text, referred to in the last sentence of paragraph 17 above, and agreed that this text accurately reflects the proposals of all Parties and is the negotiating text that the ADP will use to start substantive negotiations at its next session.

21. Following the COP mandate, the Co-Chairs requested the secretariat to communicate the negotiating text, referred to in paragraph 17 above, to Parties in accordance with provisions of the Convention and the draft rules of procedure being applied, while noting that such communication will not prejudice whether the outcome will be a protocol, another legal instrument or an agreed outcome with legal force under the Convention applicable to all Parties.[17]

22. Also at the 16th meeting, the Co-Chairs provided information on the briefing on support for domestic preparations for INDCs facilitated by Mr. Roberto Dondisch Glowinski (Mexico).[18] In the light of the invitation to all Parties to communicate their

[13] Decision 1/CP.20, paragraph 6.
[14] <http://unfccc.int/8862.php>.
[15] See <http://unfccc.int/8843.php>.
[16] See <http://unfccc.int/8804.php>.
[17] Decision 1/CP.20, paragraph 7.
[18] See <http://unfccc.int/8803.php>.

INDCs well in advance of COP 21 (by the first quarter of 2015 by those Parties ready to do so),[19] the objective of the briefing, which took place on 9 February, was to update Parties on progress in delivering existing support and to inform Parties of other, new sources of support for the preparation of INDCs.

23. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs recalled that the ADP agreed to hold at least one additional session in the second half of 2015.[20] The Co-Chairs requested the secretariat to make the necessary arrangements to organize two additional five-day sessions in the second half of the year in Bonn, Germany, from 31 August to 4 September and from 19 to 23 October 2015.

24. The Co-Chairs invited the secretariat to provide delegates with information on the administrative and financial implications of, and on the status of funding for, additional sessions of the ADP in 2015. The Executive Secretary informed Parties that the secretariat has secured a venue for the two additional sessions of the ADP and that a total of USD 2 million was still needed for these sessions.

25. Statements were made on behalf of the Presidency of COP 20/CMP 10 and on behalf of the European Union and its 28 member States.

IV. Report on the eighth part of the second session

(Agenda item 5)

26. At its 16th meeting, the ADP considered and adopted the draft report on the eighth part of its second session.[21] At the same meeting, on a proposal of the Co-Chairs, the ADP authorized the Rapporteur to complete the report on the eighth part of the session, with the assistance of the secretariat and under the guidance of the Co-Chairs.

V. Suspension of the session

27. At its 16th meeting, the ADP agreed to the proposal of the Co-Chairs to suspend the second session and resume it in conjunction with the forty-second sessions of the subsidiary bodies in Bonn.

28. At the same meeting, the Co-Chairs of the ADP expressed their appreciation to Parties for their work and support, and declared the second session of the ADP suspended.

[19] Decision 1/CP.19, paragraph 2(b).
[20] See FCCC/ADP/2014/3, paragraph 28.
[21] FCCC/ADP/2015/L.1.

Annex I

Documents before the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action at the eighth part of its second session

Documents prepared for the eighth part of the session

FCCC/ADP/2015/L.1	Draft report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the eighth part of its second session, held in Geneva from 8 to 13 February 2015

Other documents before the session

FCCC/CP/2014/10 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its twentieth session, held in Lima from 1 to 14 December 2014
FCCC/CP/2013/10 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its nineteenth session, held in Warsaw from 11 to 23 November 2013
FCCC/CP/2012/8 and Add.1	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its eighteenth session, held in Doha from 26 November to 8 December 2012
FCCC/CP/2011/9 and Add.1 and 2	Report of the Conference of the Parties on its seventeenth session, held in Durban from 28 November to 11 December 2011
FCCC/ADP/2014/4	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the seventh part of its second session, held in Lima from 2 to 13 December 2014
FCCC/ADP/2014/3	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the sixth part of its second session, held in Bonn from 20 to 25 October 2014
FCCC/ADP/2014/2	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the fifth part of its second session, held in Bonn from 4 to 14 June 2014
FCCC/ADP/2014/1	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the fourth part of its second session, held in Bonn from 10 to 14 March 2014
FCCC/ADP/2013/3	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the third part of its second session, held in Warsaw from 12 to 23 November 2013

FCCC/ADP/2013/2	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the first and second parts of its second session, held in Bonn from 29 April to 3 May 2013 and from 4 to 13 June 2013
FCCC/ADP/2012/3	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the second part of its first session, held in Doha from 27 November to 7 December 2012
FCCC/ADP/2012/2	Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action on the first part of its first session, held in Bonn from 17 to 25 May 2012

Annex II

Informal notes prepared for the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action at the eighth part of its second session

ADP.2015.1.InformalNote	Scenario note on the eighth part of the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action. Note by the Co-Chairs